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Examiner Brittain,

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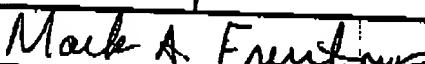
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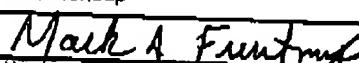
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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication of November 17, 2004, Applicants include a corrected set of claims for consideration along with the arguments made in the Preliminary Amendment filed on September 13. Specifically, claims 74 and 75 have been revised in that the claim identifier for both is "currently amended". Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out the error in need of correction and for providing a one-month period in which to correct.

Applicants refer to their September 13 paper and incorporate those comments by reference.

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.**

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